



Bee, Bird Houses at the Lake Are Raina's Eagle Scout Work

by David Cooper



PHOTO COURTESY THE DIRKSEN FAMILY

Boy Scout Troop 1444 celebrates the completion of the bird and bee houses. The houses, which were part of Raina Dirksen's Eagle Scout project, were placed around Buddy Attick Park on Sunday, May 23.

Have you noticed the new birdhouses as you jog around the Lake at Buddy Attick Park? Or when you were having a reflective moment on the peninsula? And what are those other houses

near the birdhouses? Those are bee houses, designed to serve as homes for solitary bees. There are six houses in all stationed around the park, two not far from the picnic area, another two on

the opposite side of the lake and the final two on the peninsula. The City of Greenbelt will place additional bee and birdhouses around town at a later date. If you look closely, you will notice that the holes in the bee houses come in several different sizes, as do the bamboo tubes on the top shelf of each house. That is because there are more than 200 solitary bee species of various sizes. The vast majority of solitary bees don't sting, but all of them are prolific pollinators, essential to our shared ecosystem. And they are under threat. So look at the houses, enjoy them, but please don't touch.

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Greenbelt Library Is Now Open under Phase 3 Plan

by Melissa Signorini

The Greenbelt Library is officially open under Phase 3 guidelines as of Monday, June 14. Librarian Rebecca Oxley has felt the absence of the usual activity that happened at the Library pre-pandemic. "I missed interacting face to face with the community and getting a sense of what the community needs," she said. Oxley reflected on the Library's first day under Phase 3 guidelines, saying that "we had children in the children's room and it truly filled me with joy." Teen Services Specialist Isaiah West says he has missed working with the diverse population in Prince George's County. "I love being a part of a hub of the community for the different communities served," he said, adding that it was gratifying to be able to "provide a voice for the people to be themselves and have a place for self-discovery."

The Library's extended services now include two-hour study room sessions, full browsing of Library resources without reservations and a sidewalk pick-up service, by appointment, outside the main entrance (formerly curbside). Or, requested books can be retrieved from the shelves inside,

as before, without making an appointment. Computer use will be available with up to a 50-percent capacity by appointment, but walk-ins may be accommodated

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PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

In preparation for the Fourth of July fireworks, Greenbelt Public Works department uses the cool morning of Wednesday, June 16 to practice marking off the Lake. The yellow line behind the boat shows where buoys will float, blocking boaters from the fireworks zone. See story, page 7.

Budget 2022

City Council Adopts Budget After Procedural Standoff

by Diane Oberg

In the wee hours of Tuesday, June 8, the Greenbelt City Council finally passed the budget for Fiscal Year 2022, which starts July 1. Council came very close to not passing a budget, which the city charter requires to be approved no later than June 10, until Councilmember Rodney Roberts relented on a procedural issue and moved to reconsider the budget around 12:25 a.m.

The budget anticipates revenues of \$31.35 million and expenditures of \$31.49 million. This results in a decrease in the fund balance of \$140,000. During the budget discussions, council also talked about its intention to take ownership of the Greenbelt Armory.

Budget

The budget leaves the tax rate unchanged at \$0.8275 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Residents may experience higher property tax bills as property values rise. Earlier in the June 7 regular city council meeting, council agreed to add \$20,000 for a grant contractor and \$3,600 for an intern for the economic development director to the budget proposed by City Manager Nicole Ard. They then voted to add \$80,000 for a space study on a five-to-two vote with Roberts and Mayor Colin Byrd opposed. The space study funding was increased by \$20,000 from previous discussions to

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Labor Day Committee Works Toward Festive Fun This Fall

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is hard at work planning a weekend of events for the 2021 Labor Day Festival. Whether online or in-person, the following events will take place: Outstanding Citizen, Craft Fair, Information Day and Photo Show. Greenbelt Elementary School's PTA will also host their annual book sale in designated yards and (if possible) in the Roosevelt Center parking lot. The committee is hopeful that city and county permitting will allow the Parade to take place on Labor Day. Sadly, all carnivals are booked, but every effort is continuing to find new ways to make this year's Festival fun for all ages. Mark the calendar and stay tuned for more information!

PSAC Completes Its Report On Mayor's Police Reform Bill

by Matthew Arbach

The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) has released its report on Mayor Colin Byrd's Fair and Just Policing Act, a process that began in October 2020 at the Greenbelt City Council's request. PSAC made recommendations to specific general orders, which direct the Greenbelt Police Department's (GPD) day-to-day operations, with no recommendation for an ordinance.

PSAC decided to finish their report contrary to a request from the mayor (who asked that the process be delayed until the April 2021 state police reform legislation was passed), but the majority of the council wanted it to be completed and PSAC determined that alterations to the GPD general orders were warranted.

The report, which was a response to a Powerpoint presentation by Byrd of his bill, addresses the following areas: de-escalation, use of force, duty to intervene, civil liberties, transpar-

ency, militarization, hiring, immigration, racial profiling, civilian oversight and stop and frisk.

According to the report, PSAC's approach is more akin to "a scalpel rather than a sledge hammer," as "PSAC members

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What Goes On

Thursday, June 17

1 to 3 p.m. Free Produce Distribution, Community Center

Wednesday, June 23

8 p.m. Council Worksession: Beltway Plaza, Detailed Site Plan

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

Letters to the Editor

Maglev Threats

The clear and present danger to Greenbelt is the request from the maglev proponents for \$300 million in Federal funds to “get started” with their monstrosity. They already received \$28 million in Federal funds to do their preliminary work.

If they get it, guess where they will start?

You start to dig a tunnel where it goes into the ground and a ramp where it comes out of the ground.

You clear the main access road for the hundreds of trucks hauling Greenbelt soil and the enormous earth movers and tunnel diggers on the road they cut through the Forest Preserve. Lots of traffic will take Ridge Road also, guys in pick-ups and dump trucks heading that way also.

Big bright lights too, so you could dig at night on our land they stole via “Eminent Domain.” Start stacking materials and equipment on the Northway ballfields, too.

Noise, dust, destruction, congestion, disruption, the ruination of our town, our precious forest, our quasi-idyllic way of life. I am not exaggerating. A similar type mega project ruined the Bronx in New York and had citizen action not stopped it would have destroyed the Manhattan neighborhoods of SOHO, the Lower East Side and Greenwich village.

If there was any benefit to this project to the people or the land, maybe it could be justifiable, but there isn’t. It is a classic boondoggle designed only to enrich its proponents and pretend to be “progress.” It must be stopped.

Please sign the petitions listed below and forward them to friends. We need to make our voices heard, now.

Smarter Growth: <https://tinyurl.com/nbhedzn2>

MCRT: <https://tinyurl.com/4rks5rk7>

By the way, the 125’ to 165’ height of the proposed trainway would exceed almost anything in Greenbelt or along the B-W Parkway, its proposed route. The tallest trees are 80’ to 100’. The former OAO, now Columbus, building is only about 25 percent taller.

Frank Gervasi

How May We Serve You? Count the Ways

Throughout the stressful period when we were in the worst of the grip of the pandemic, I was so proud of our merchants and restaurants at Beltway Plaza for standing up to the challenges of adhering to the coronavirus restrictions and working through it. While adapting to Covid-19 health safety measures, closure and governmental restrictions on their operations, our merchants displayed courage and resilience. As a long-standing Greenbelt community center, our proudest moments included free food giveaways and scheduling other outdoor community events.

Now, however, as we are seemingly returning to some sort of normalcy, we face residuary challenges. Too many of our residents are suffering from a lack of: safety and security, food, jobs and educational opportunities.

As a community retail center, Beltway Plaza is filling in some

of the gaps. Regarding customer security; we have an active professional security force and a working relationship with the Greenbelt Police Department, including uniformed private police coverage and a substation for conducting police business and meetings. Regarding job opportunities, positions are available in our security and maintenance departments as well as with our shops and restaurants. And regarding education assistance, the Kumon learning center provides educational instruction and tutoring augmenting public school education. Also, The Space Free Art for All provides art and technical educational opportunities.

Recent reports in the Greenbelt News Review of mail disappearing from mail boxes and packages disappearing from homeowners’ steps and porches prompted us to remind the community that at Beltway Plaza you can safely mail a letter in a U.S. Post Office box in the mall and receive packages securely from Amazon Lockers. As to other customer-oriented services available at Beltway Plaza Mall: curbside pickup is offered by Target and other merchants; convenient bus service directly to and from the Mall is available; in addition, FEDEX offers copying and shipping services and G&R Title Services performs state auto tag and title services.

Beyond convenient services, you can visit our numerous locally owned boutique shops and sample foods from around the world at our many restaurants.

As we have for over 50 years (and counting), we are here to serve your needs. And ... the number one reason to shop at Beltway Plaza Mall is Every Day Low Prices.

Marc “Kap” Kapastin
General Counsel
- on behalf of Beltway Plaza Mall and the Beltway Plaza Mall Merchants’ Association

Clarification

In last week’s front-page story on the food service arrangement between the New Deal Café (NDC) and the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, co-author Mark Cheater is on the NDC’s board of directors. First author Dan Gillotte is the Co-op’s general manager.

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Bikeshare is up and rolling in Greenbelt as at least some of the new sites have bikes ready for the fine weather on Sunday, June 13.


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UMD Reporter

Melissa Signorini is an intern writing for the News Review this summer.

Drop Us a Line!


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Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

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All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



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Community Events

At the Library

All county library branches will be closed on Saturday, June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday.

Library hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Curbside service has become Sidewalk Service with a table placed outside the upper level entrance. Study rooms are open but meeting rooms will remain closed. Appointments for one hour of computer use can be made at pgcmls.info/reopening or 240-455-5451. Reservations can be made up to seven days in advance. The library is not accepting book donations for the foreseeable future but has a third-party book donation bin outside the lower-level entrance.

The Greenbelt Library now offers mobile printing to the public. The first 10 black and white pages are free. More information is available at pgcmls.info/mobile-printing.

Mobile Hotspots

Families can borrow mobile hotspot devices for up to nine weeks at a time. Adults ages 18 and older with library cards in good standing may request a SmartSpot through the curbside booking form. One device per household may be borrowed.

Kids Achieve Club

The Kids Achieve Club program provides academic support with homework assistance and reading practice in English for Speakers of Other Languages for students in grades 1 to 6. The program was created to support the unique needs of English learners to foster a love of reading and to provide academic support.

The Washington Nationals and Prince George’s County Memorial Library System are partnering for a second year on “Summer @ Your Library,” Prince George’s County’s summer reading and library engagement program. The 2021 theme is *Tails and Tales* and it will be offered in English and Spanish for all ages. This year’s program runs through Friday, August 20 and will be primarily offered online with select in-person events.



Three Sisters Gardens Seek Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities await at all three of the CHEARS Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens (chears.org/). The three gardens are located at Schrom Hills, Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Community Center.

Volunteers are needed throughout the year to plant, water, weed and help maintain the gardens. Since 2010, all three gardens have been used to educate, foster creativity, build community and encourage organic caretaking of the land.

For more information about volunteering, email the garden coordinators: Effie at effieleivner@aol.com), Carolyn at SpringhillLake@lambrightdavis@yahoo.com) and Joe at the Community Center (robbins629@gmail.com).

County Schools Offer Free Summer Meals

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) will operate its annual Summer Food Service Program beginning Wednesday, June 16 through Wednesday, August 18. Grab and Go breakfast and lunch meal packages will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 62 schools, including Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights Elementary Schools. Students attending in-school summer programs will receive breakfast and lunch.

Visit the PGCPS website for a complete list of school and library meal sites or find a nearby meal distribution site by visiting MDsummerMeals.org.

GCC Sponsors Take And Give Drives

Anyone need toys or household basics? Greenbelt Community Church (GCC), United Church of Christ at 1 Hillside Drive is holding a Free Fun Drive on Sunday, June 27 from 11:30 a.m. until the stuff is gone. The items will be put on long tables outside the church. Participants can take what they need.

Conversely, anyone have things to get rid of? GCC will be hosting a decluttering donation drive on the same Sunday from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Soft goods (clothing, bedding, etc.) are preferable to hard goods but both will be taken. Items to be donated should be placed in 30-gallon plastic bags if possible. GCC will load a trailer and take all donations to Value Village thrift stores. The money earned will go to the charities supported by the church including Greenbelt CARES. Donation receipts are available.

Beyond Honey Bees: Talk on Pollinators

Join City of Greenbelt Environmental Coordinator Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll on Sunday, June 27 at 7 p.m. for a presentation on native pollinators and the important role they play in the environment. He will look beyond honey bees and discover some less-well-known species, the habitats and plants they prefer, and how to help in yards and the community.

This is the last of the environmental Zoom series sponsored by the Green Teams of Greenbelt Community Church, UCC and the City of Greenbelt. RSVP to Jane Young at gccjane@aol.com for Zoom information.

A Bit More Peace

In a world where many of us often attempt to do more, do it better and do it more quickly, the Mishkan Torah Sisterhood has quietly offered summer guided meditation classes to Greenbelters for the past six years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting that is welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom and anyone can attend from the comfort of one’s own home.

Class sizes have ranged from eight to 19 people, from teenagers to senior citizens. All attendees have expressed a desire to quiet their bodies, minds and spirits and to deepen inner stillness while improving their ability to reconnect with themselves. Class participants have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed and mindful, both during and between classes. Many individuals have experienced a greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times.

A difference has been made in many people’s lives when utilizing meditation practices that teach one to slow down, become quiet, go within and experience a bit more peace. Classes begin again this summer, starting Monday, June 21 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., and then every other Monday through September 13. For more information email Katrina Boverman at Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or call her at 301-641-1035.



Porch Greenbelt Food Collection Sunday

The next collection date for front porch pickup, between 2 and 5 p.m., will be Sunday, June 20 for both Boxwood Village and Ridge Road from Lastner Lane to Research Road. As a reminder, place donations in a box or bag labelled PORCH or RUAK on the front porch. Also, make sure to check the expiration dates on all food items.

The group welcomes volunteers who would expand Porch Greenbelt to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Porch Greenbelt, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

GCC Outdoor Concert

Singer, song writer, and musician Betty Ladas will give Greenbelt a taste of her “North of Country...South of Blues” style of music on Sunday, June 20 at 11:45 a.m. Ladas’ music comes from her life experiences which includes living in the crowded New Orleans French Quarter, bustling Nashville and bucolic Greenbelt. She has written for companies, commercials, special occasions and productions. Her songs tell a story. Stand still long enough and she might write one about you. Bring a lawn chair to Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road for a socially distanced performance on the lawn.

GIVES Holds Virtual Meeting on June 26

Greenbelt Intergenerational Voluntary Services Exchange will have its virtual quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Special guest presenter Crystal Batey from GAIL will discuss transportation options for seniors in Greenbelt.

Bylaws will be reviewed and there will be an election of new officers. Zoom information and meeting documents will be emailed to the membership. Those without email can call 301-507-6580 for Zoom telephone information. Email givesoffice@gmail.com for additional information.

Museum Continues Peace Month Posters

The Greenbelt Museum’s Peace Month activity is ongoing. The Museum is asking citizens to create a poster answering the question, “What does peace look like?”

They ask that citizens share their posters with neighbors by placing them in a window. Anyone who wants to share a poster with the Greenbelt Museum for display on their social media pages and website, should take a picture and send it to education@greenbeltmuseum.org. Happy Peace Month!

CRAB Holds Forums On Just Policing Act

The Community Relations Advisory Board is hosting two forums to discuss aspects of Mayor Colin Byrd’s proposed Fair & Just Policing Act and changes to policing mandated by the Maryland State Legislature. The first forum will be held on Thursday, July 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and the second will be held on Sunday, July 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Both forums are currently scheduled as online/Zoom meetings but a change in city policy to allow open meetings will be welcome. The intent of these sessions is to help understand our fellow residents’ perspective, not to argue or convince one another.

Details will be forthcoming as to how to join these forums. There will also be an opportunity in advance of the forums for statements or questions from individuals or groups. These statements or questions will be reviewed in advance of the sessions and incorporated by the facilitator as appropriate. Police Chief Richard Bowers has offered participation from police officers at one of the sessions. CRAB has asked that police not attend one forum to accommodate those who wish to speak without police present.

As an alternative, city staff are working on the details of the website for a short questionnaire that citizens can complete and submit online. It will contain the same questions that will be the focus of forum discussion.

Get Vaxed at ERHS

Eleanor Roosevelt High School is hosting a free Covid-19 vaccine clinic on Tuesday, June 22 from 3 to 6 p.m. The clinic, which will use the Pfizer vaccine, is open to everyone 12 and older and is being run by Luminis Health. Make an appointment at www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/2089911699. Walk-ins are also welcome. The school is located at 7601 Hanover Parkway.





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Obituaries

Emily Guard



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Emily Bugg Guard

Emily Bugg Guard, 74, died June 10, 2021, after a brief illness at Carroll Hospital in Westminster, Md. Born on December 5, 1946, in Louisville, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Marvin and Marianna Moss Bugg.

Growing up in a military family, Emily spent her childhood in Mississippi, Japan, Texas, Indiana, California and Maryland. She attended Westchester High School in Los Angeles, then spent her senior year at Suitland High School in Maryland, graduating in the class of 1964. In 1968, she graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in history and political science, then worked at the U.S. Copyright Office in the Library of Congress for several years.

Emily married Glenn Barry Guard at the First Christian Church in Henderson, Ky., on July 13, 1968. Emily and Barry made their home and raised four children in Laurel, Md. A devoted wife and mother, she was active as a volunteer in her children's school, the Boy Scouts and was a member of Laurel Presbyterian Church.

In 1993 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Emily organized the first Grad Night, a parent-hosted safe celebration for graduating seniors that has continued for 28 years, temporarily disrupted only by the Covid-19 pandemic. Two of Emily's children attended Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Her son, Colin Guard, graduated in the class of 1993; her daughter, Anna Guard, graduated with the class of 1998. Emily was very involved with the school throughout their years there.

Also in 1993, Emily started a second career at the market research company Sky Alland, later iSky, rising to manager of the

company's BMW and Volkswagen accounts.

After the children were grown, Emily and Barry moved to Westminster where she enjoyed hosting large family gatherings, gardening, reading, cooking, sewing and quilting blankets for hospitalized children through Project Linus. Traveling to visit her children and grandchildren, wherever in the world they might be, was a favorite activity for many years.

Emily is survived by her husband of 52 years, G. Barry Guard; sons, Glenn Guard (wife Irina Kushner), Colin Guard (wife Galyna) and Wade Guard; daughter Anna Guard (husband Mike Batchelder); grandchildren, Ryan, Elise, Alexander, Aidan, Daryna, Willis, May and Clyde; sister Barbara Landreth; brother M. Wayne Bugg; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private memorial celebration of life is planned for the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Carroll County Food Sunday in Westminster.

To express condolences, visit pittsfuneralhome.com.

Community Church Resumes In-Person Sunday Worship

After more than 18 months, Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ will return to in-person worship service on Sunday, June 20 at 10:15 a.m.

Out of an abundance of caution at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, Greenbelt Community Church began to live stream their Sunday worship service on Zoom and Facebook. Other online events were added to keep church members and the community at-large connected, such as concerts, games, bible studies and environmental discussions.

A new website was launched at greenbeltcommunitychurch.org. The church also added a YouTube channel to extend the reach of the service. During this time, following the retirement of their minister, the church welcomed Rev. Curt DeMars-Johnson as an interim pastor.

While the church leaders are monitoring statistics and guidance from local government and health authorities, they do ask that, if individuals are feeling ill, they remain home. The church hopes to continue live streaming the worship service for those unable to attend.



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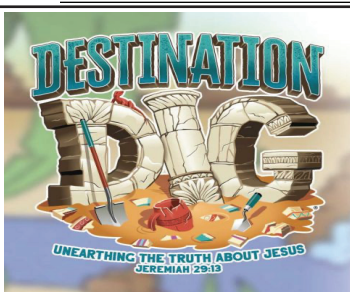
Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ gathers to give thanks with a service on the lawn. The church heads back to in-person Sunday worship on June 20.



Condolences to the family and friends of Mary Blizard who died on March 6. She was a long-term Greenbriar resident and board member.

We hope this year's graduating seniors at Eleanor Roosevelt High School take a moment to remember and thank Emily Bugg Guard, who organized the first Grad Night celebration. Our condolences to family and friends on her death, June 10, 2021.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



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The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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The Mens Group with Worship Associate Clark Ritz

For many of us our fathers played a large role in our lives. Many of us are fathers who play a large role in our children's lives. While those relationships can be complicated, there are often gifts that we receive from our fathers or from being a father. The Men's Group explores some of these gifts from our personal experiences.

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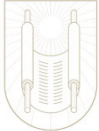
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City Information & Events

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JUNETEENTH ACTIVITIES

"Freedom's Eve," January 1, 1863. So many enslaved people waited anxiously for the Emancipation Proclamation to become a reality in Confederate States that the tension in houses of worship and on plantations was overwhelming. Its passage brought much relief and joy on many Southern plantations. Enslaved people in Texas would not learn that they were free until June 19, 1865, when the union army arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform them of the Emancipation Proclamation. It is for the Freedom to all enslaved people/workers that Juneteenth is celebrated each year on June 19th, to commemorate the initial ending of slavery in America, that was completed with the passage of the 13th Amendment.

2021 marks the 156th anniversary of Juneteenth and the Greenbelt Black History and Culture committee in collaboration with the Recreation Department, Old Greenbelt Theatre, The Space-Free Art for All, the Greenbelt Museum, GATE, RUAK, Beltway Plaza Mall and CHEARS -Three Sisters Gardens offers a series of activities and service opportunities to commemorate the ending of chattel slavery in America. A video about Juneteenth will be presented by Delegate Nicole Williams and will be aired on the City's media channels. GATE will air historical and educational information about Juneteenth during the week.

Friday, June 18th 9pm
(Rain date Saturday, June 19th)
Moonlit Movie: Black Panther
Purchase tickets at
<https://greenbelttheatre.org/>



Saturday - June 19th
10am – 3pm:
Regina's Black Artifacts Pop-up History Museum
Springhill Lake Recreation Center (6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770)

The popup museum is an invaluable collection of Black artifacts that consists of Black Inventions such as the Traffic Light invented by Garrett Morgan; Historical Black Figurines such as Harriett Tubman, Frederick Douglass and George Washington Carver to name a few; Black Memorabilia, books, newspapers, and the Now and Then artifacts such as an old typewriter (then) and a laptop (now) and much more. Although most of the collection is based on Black History, a portion of the artifacts such as the Now and Then items are not specific to Black History but are common items used by everyone that have evolved over time and fall into the category of general history. Collectively, all groupings will most certainly be enjoyed by visitors.

Saturday, June 19th – 10am – 11am:
Heritage Tour at Buddy Attick Park
Buddy Attick Park, stage/bandstand area is tour start location, 555 Crescent Road Greenbelt Reaction's Heritage

Tour is a comprehensive and interactive program which will invite both Greenbelt residents and non-residents to learn about the storied history of Greenbelt's recreation development and current ecological efforts at Greenbelt Lake. The tour will take place at Buddy Attick Park where participants will be guided around Greenbelt Lake on the 1.25mile trail with seven unique stops. These "impromptu lecture stops" will include information about the creation of Greenbelt Lake, evolution of Buddy Attick Park rules, interesting stories throughout the park's history, and current water/ecological conservation effort.

Saturday, June 19th – 4pm -8pm: Let's Get Together!!!!
Organize a Neighborhood Gathering: Block socials, court socials, courtyard socials wherever you live get togethers or in your neighborhood outdoor spaces are encouraged. Come out and break bread with your neighborhoods and celebrate the hard-fought freedoms we all enjoy. Remember and celebrate your ancestors for their sacrifices and resilience in maintaining family and community!

To make your neighborhood social gathering event more fun and exciting, the Greenbelt Recreation department can provide outdoor game kits upon request. Available items to borrow: Frisbees, Assortment of Balls, Corn Hole, Ladder Ball, Horseshoes, Jump Ropes, Sidewalk Chalk, Jacks, Chess/Checkers set, Small Pop-up Goals, Volleyball/Badminton Sets. Please email asesay@greenbeltmd.gov to make the request.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JUNE 21 - JUNE 25

Monday, June 21
COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION, at 8:00pm,Virtual via Zoom, Police Chief, Command Staff, and FOP Representative to discuss the current state of the Police Department, followed by a tentative CLOSED SESSION, Collective Bargaining Update

Tuesday, June 22
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, at 7:00pm, Zoom Minutes, Officer Elections, Liaison Assignments, Calendar, Planning for Survey of Administrators, Other

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES, at 7:00pm, at Buddy Attick Lake

GREENACES/GREEN TEAM, at 7:30pm, Zoom

Wednesday, June 23
MAGLEV TASK FORCE, at 7:00pm, Zoom

COUNCIL WORK SESSION, Beltway Plaza Redevelopment Plans/ Detailed Site Plan, at 8:00pm, Zoom Project Update, Discussion

Thursday, June 24
FOREST ADVISORY BOARD, at 7:00pm, Zoom

COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD,at 7:30pm, Zoom Planning for Community Forums

Virtual Council meetings and the work session will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

In advance, the hearing impaired are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Saturday, June 19th – 10am – 2pm:
SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - At the Three Sisters Gardens
Volunteers are needed to plant and help maintain the gardens and students can obtain service hours. Enslaved people planted fruits and vegetables to supplement the rations given out by plantation owners. They sometimes sold their produce to earn money which enabled some folks to purchase their freedom. Today, community gardens with fresh fruits and vegetables are a way for urban populations to maintain their health and also supplement their diets. Shaymar Higgs, The Space-Free Art for All, will have demonstrations at the Springhill Lake garden.

The Three Sisters Gardens are located at:



Springhill Lake Recreation Center (6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770)
Garden Coordinator - Carolyn Lambright-Davis

At 12:30pm there will be a re-dedication at the Springhill Lake garden to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Three Sisters Gardens
Greenbelt Community Center Garden (15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770) located behind the Community Center Garden Coordinator - Maggie Cahalan

Schrom Hills Park Garden (**6915 Hanover Pkwy, Greenbelt, MD 20770**), is located near children's playground area. Garden Coordinator – Effie Levner

Saturday, June 19th – 2pm-5pm (or until food runs out):
Food Demonstration: How Much Sugar Do You Consume Daily
Sponsored by Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court at Beltway Plaza Mall

Saturday, June 19th – 12pm-4pm:
The Space Free Art For ALL: Art Projects
Sponsored by Beltway Plaza Mall
Beltway Plaza Mall & Springhill Lake Recreation Center's Three Sisters Garden Come join us and be creative. Project can be displayed in Beltway Plaza Mall or taken home. Free art kits will be available to take home for participants.



Visit the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation for registration links to all events.

JUNE IS PEACE MONTH

POSTERS FOR PEACE MONTH

To celebrate Peace Month and to highlight the history and impact of peace artwork and posters, the Greenbelt Museum invites you to be a part of our peace poster event activity throughout June. From Picasso's Guernica in 1937 to Vietnam-era



homemade signs to posters we've seen in the past year, human expression has a huge impact on changing the world.

We respect the art form and ask: **What does peace look like?**

Create a sign or poster in response! If you want to share the work with our community, please put the sign in your window for Peace Month in June. The Museum would love to see a photo of your poster in the window! If you'd like us to share your photo on our Facebook page or website please send a photo to education@greenbeltmuseum.org. All ages are encouraged to participate!

GREENBELT FARMERS MARKET

The Market vendors offer produce, pasture-raised meats, sustainable seafood, crepes, ice cream, crafts, plants, flowers, baked goods, ethnic food and more! Greenbelt Farmers Market is held weekly on Sundays, 10am-2pm, at the Roosevelt Center Parking Lot, Centerway.

REEL AND MEAL - FEATURING THE THIRD HARMONY
June 21 at 7 p.m. via zoom.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b) (1)(9)of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, June 21, 2021, at 8:00 p.m. virtual by Zoom to: 1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; 2) to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations. The purpose of this meeting will be: 1) to discuss the current state of the Police Department; 2) to receive update regarding the Collective Bargaining Negotiations.

***The public may attend the Special Meeting of the City Council immediately prior to the closed session and observe the vote of Council to move into closed session on Monday, June 21st, 2021 at 8:00 pm.**

Bonita Anderson
City Clerk

Evictions Now Threaten 500 Or More Greenbelt Households

by Ed Fallon

Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web www.greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Hearings and cases at the Prince George’s Landlord-Tenant Court in Hyattsville have multiplied with the approaching end of the federal Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) moratorium on June 30 and the Maryland moratorium on evictions ending July 1.

Early Monday morning Associate Judge Dolores Dorsainvil called to testify “Mr. Julian Gonzales” (not his real name) of Adelphi, originally from Honduras and a father of three without possession of a legitimizing “green card.” Kayla Williams, Esq., a supervising attorney at Greenbelt-based Community Legal Services, was Gonzales’ counsel. Two Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GREA) members were present to provide moral support to Gonzales and to provide education about the quite complex eviction processes that likely will affect the several hundred Greenbelt renting families who may face eviction in the coming weeks and months.

Unfortunately, Gonzales’ first attempt at obtaining justice did not turn out well. Despite the extraordinary efforts of Williams and Sarah Harper, a volunteer/interpreter trained by the Housing Initiative Partnership, complications with his paperwork portended that he will be evicted next month if he doesn’t independently obtain \$5,700, in addition to whatever the county may allocate for past rent. This reinforced how crucial it is for tenants and their supporters to thoroughly understand and get the details exactly right. Fortunately, Gonzales and Harper located the missing county Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) forms and are in touch with Williams, with hopes to remedy the potentially catastrophic situation for the Gonzales family.

Until the end of the federal and/or Maryland moratoriums, renters cannot be evicted for failure to make timely rent payments. Renters will, however, continue to owe unpaid rent amounts that will continue to accrue. The order does not preclude landlords from charging or collecting late fees, penalties and interest. Renters can still be evicted for other reasons, such as violating conditions of their lease, damaging property or engaging in criminal activity. Renters with leases that have expired could also be evicted if their landlord refuses to renew the lease. (Note that any State of Maryland protections for renters will still apply.)

To receive assistance with completing the ERAP Declaration Form Z, renters may contact housing counselors at one of the agencies below. (Adapted from hiphomes.org/cdc-halts-evictions-for-renters-who-meet-certain-criteria.)

If Facing Eviction

Based on clspgc.org, hiphomes.org, wearecasa.org and princegeorgescountymd.gov/3703/Emergency-Rental-Assistance-Program, Greenbelters facing eviction are advised to do as follows:

1. If you have already received an eviction notice: Immediately contact Community Legal Services at 240-391-6370. Williams and her colleagues will help you determine whether or not the notice is legal and what to do about it, including accompanying you if necessary to the Landlord-Tenant Court.
 2. If you have immediate need for food, housing or other necessities, contact the Greenbelt CARES office at 301-345-6660. Dr Elizabeth Park and her CARES staff will assist you with these and other needs.
 3. Contact your landlord and ask them to complete the county’s ERAP forms to get assistance for up to 18 months for your past-due rent. If your landlord doesn’t agree to do that within a week, directly apply to the county ERAP.
 4. If you require sign language for the hearing impaired and interpretive services, call 301-883-5540.
 5. Contact a nonprofit agency to help you with the ERAP application.
- The Prince George’s County Department of Housing and Community Development has partnered with several community nonprofit organizations to assist county landlords and tenants with completing the application and uploading it into the proper online portal. Each of the four part-

ner organizations located within about five miles of Greenbelt has Spanish-English bilingual staff and can help in person or by phone, email or Zoom. Call the listed phone numbers to make an appointment.

- Casa de Maryland, 8151 15th Avenue, Langley Park. Telephone 240-491-5763
- Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. (HIP), 6525 Belcrest Road, Suite 555, Hyattsville. Telephone 667-260-7728
- Centro De Apoyo Familiar (CAF), 6901 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 110. Riverdale. Telephone 301-328-3292
- Sowing Empowerment & Economic Development, Inc. (SEED), 6201 Riverdale Road, Ste 200, Riverdale. Telephone 301-458-9808

6. Inform GREA of your interest in discussing this issue (hopefully in-person) with Greenbelt renters and non-renters. Messages sent to edfallon@gmail.com will be forwarded to GREA.

7. Encourage those members of council, especially those who did not support a Greenbelt moratorium (Silke Pope, Edward Putens, Emmett Jordan and Leta Mach), to urgently negotiate with their colleagues to support a consensus-based local moratorium. Messages to Council@greenbeltmd.gov will reach all seven councilmembers.

Reel and Meal Presents The Third Harmony

by Donna Hoffmeister



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. prays.

- Film stills courtesy Bullfrog Films

On Monday, June 21 at 7 p.m. the New Deal Café will show the film *The Third Harmony*. Film director Michael Nagler, a well-known Gandhian scholar, has advocated nonviolence as a way of life for decades. His film proposes that we intentionally choose a frame of mind that prefers collaboration and cooperation over fear, hate, competition and violence. Political scientists, politicians and activists share their stories about how they learned to put that inner state of being into action against injustice. The topic of the program celebrates Greenbelt’s Peace Month.

Barbara Bezdek, professor emerita from the University of Maryland School of Law, will lead the discussion. She is a certified trainer of Kingian Nonviolence and leads training programs in the Baltimore area.

Come discuss what works and what doesn’t. Register in advance for this Zoom screening at tinyurl.com/ReelMealJune. Log on at 6:45 p.m. on Monday for the 7 p.m. program.





The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket will again offer a vegan meal for sale to Reel and Meal participants. The menu is macro vegetarian sesame noodles, Shanghai dumplings and steamed broccoli. Attendees should call to pre-order their meal by 1 p.m. on Monday, June 21 for pickup between 4 and 7 p.m. at the deli. To order, call 301-474-0522 and ask for the deli.

For more information, contact reelandmeal@newdealcafe.com or visit the New Deal Café’s e-calendar at newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal. Share the event on Facebook with friends: facebook.com/reelandmealNDC. Reel and Meal is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues organized by The Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George’s County Peace and Justice Coalition.



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Save the Date! Wine Tastings will return on Friday, July 2 - 4-7 p.m.

Getting Ready for the Fourth



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

Fireworks at the Lake in 2016

Greenbelt’s annual fireworks display will take place at Buddy Attick Park on Sunday evening, July 4, at approximately 9 p.m. and will last 20 to 30 minutes. In addition to having officers on foot patrol throughout the area, the Greenbelt Police Department will be located in a command bus in the main parking lot to assist citizens with everything from first aid to reuniting lost children with their families.

The Greenbelt Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) will have a tent nearby, which will serve as a hydration station (with some cooling chairs) and will provide limited first aid assistance.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park. Violators are subject to arrest. For safety and security reasons, people carrying coolers and packages into the park may have them inspected.

All forms of fireworks, including firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets, are prohibited by law in Greenbelt and throughout Prince George’s County. Anyone found in possession of fireworks will be subject to arrest. Penalties include fines up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

Traffic and Parking

Entrance to the park is on Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. Participants are reminded to observe all posted parking regulations. The parking lot is reserved for handicapped and elderly individuals, and vehicles entering the parking lot must have handicapped or elderly persons on board. Handicapped tags and/or placards will not neces-

sarily be required nor will they guarantee a parking space.

Temporary No Parking signs will be posted on streets surrounding the park. Vehicles parked in these areas will be towed. Those parking along Kenilworth Avenue should make sure their vehicle is completely off the roadway or risk being required to move. The roadway must remain clear for passage of emergency vehicles and regular traffic.

Traffic Control

Once the fireworks begin, there will be no inbound traffic allowed on Crescent Road from Kenilworth Avenue. When the fireworks are over, exiting traffic will be redirected outbound on Crescent Road toward Kenilworth Avenue. Traffic from Kenilworth Avenue will not be allowed onto Crescent Road until most cars have left the area. Motorists exiting the Beltway will not be allowed to proceed north on Kenilworth Avenue. Motorists heading for the Old Greenbelt area should take Greenbelt Road. These temporary changes in traffic patterns will be in place until the traffic supervisor determines that it is safe to resume normal traffic.

Calls for Information

For information in case of inclement weather, call the Greenbelt Recreation Department Weather and Information Hotline at 301-474-0646. Do not call the police dispatcher for fireworks-related information. Police telephone lines must be kept open for emergencies or for other police-related concerns.

- Greenbelt Police

City Police Department Holds Webinar on Gun Violence

by Melissa Signorini

Greenbelt Police Department held an online forum on May 27 to address the city’s gun violence issues. The forum, which was held on Facebook, was described as a town hall meeting where residents could interact with some of Greenbelt’s law enforcement officers and community program members. The forum was attended by Police Chief Richard Bowers, as well as two other department officers.

Three poll questions were asked during the hour-long meeting, in which Greenbelt community members were invited to participate. Viewing the event after it had happened, the News Review could see that 761 people had viewed the webinar, but could not identify how many people took part in the poll. More than half of those who answered said that they had known someone in Greenbelt who has experienced gun violence. Additionally, a majority of those who had heard of or experienced gun violence in the city reported that these were situations of domestic family or general neighborhood violence.

Stats

Bowers noted that there have been no officer-involved shootings in Greenbelt in the past year, and stated that “our goal is to not ever use that level of force.” Twenty robberies and 16 aggravated assaults have been reported for the year so far, numbers similar to what the department has seen at this point in previous years. The chief said that the department received more calls for gun-related instances than usual in 2020. He noted that a large number of calls relating to crime came from within Franklin Park. The age of offenders is also getting younger, as young as 12 in some cases.

Increase in Crime

Darren Stephenson, a delinquency prevention counselor at Greenbelt CARES, said, “The kids tell me guns are part of their outfit. That’s how important that gun is.” He said that the reason behind this may be the amount of time kids are spending playing video games. With schools closed this year, kids are finding themselves with more free time on their hands. Liz Park, director of Greenbelt CARES, said that this can lead them to “make

impulsive decisions.”

Community Programs

Greenbelt Police Department Public Information Liaison George Mathews spoke of the city’s D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, which he has been involved with for over 20 years. The program aims to encourage young children to make healthier choices. An 11-year-long mentoring program at Springhill Lake Elementary School for kids with special needs teaches them about community service, personal responsibility and teamwork. Mathews said that getting officers to participate in program activities helps establish better connections and trust between young children and law enforcement. “A lot of times the only relationships these kids have had with police may have been siblings or parents having negative interactions with police,” he said. “This is a good way at an early age to establish trust between law enforcement and juveniles,” he added.

Bowers also announced “Our Street, Our Future,” a gun violence prevention program in partnership with the Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s office. The “community-drive initiative” is being fueled by different community outreach and faith-based

groups. A public safety and gun violence prevention rally was held on June 1 in Landover to mark the beginning of Gun Violence Awareness month.

Officer Training

All officers in the department will go through training using virtual reality situations involving people with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The use of virtual reality will mimic real life events involving individuals with disabilities. The training will give officers the chance to see police interactions from the perspective of those going through a crisis, and help them respond with empathy and understanding.

A grant through the International Association of Chiefs of Police given to the department will allow two of the department’s senior instructors to take part in an advanced de-escalation instructor course this month. “We continue to push our officers and prepare them for a vast array of situations that they’re going to deal with so they have other options aside from lethal force, or force at all,” said Patrol Division Commander Tim White.

The video of the forum can be accessed through the city website, greenbeltmd.gov. Click on Municipal Access TV and find the link on Gun Violence Town Hall.



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Eastern tiger swallowtail

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County Public Schools to Return To In-Person School Full Time

by Melissa Signorini

In-person learning in Prince George’s County Public Schools will make a full comeback for the 2021-22 academic year. Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Goldson announced the plan on June 8, adding that a virtual learning program will remain an option for those who wish to continue online learning. However, the virtual program, designed for students in 7th through 12th grades, will have limited availability and participants will be chosen through application. Enrollment in the virtual program will be capped at 700 students, which will incorporate both synchronous and asynchronous instruction.

Goldson encourages students eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine to take it. “Our staff has had the opportunity to receive the Covid-19 vaccine and we encourage students 12 years old and up to get the vaccine now that it is available,” she said. Families with students under 12 who are not yet eligible for the vaccine will also get a chance to apply for a virtual learning option to be offered during the fall 2021 semester. The program will be discontinued when all students in kindergarten through sixth grade are able to get vaccinated. The application deadline is Wednesday, June 30. Families

of students with medical conditions who are unable to return to in-person learning settings can apply for home or hospital teaching services. “Our community has shown incredible resilience during these challenging times. Looking ahead to the next school year, our goal is to have students back in our buildings full-time and in person daily,” added Goldson. More information was provided at a Telephone Town Hall on June 9 hosted by Goldson for families. A video recording of the session is available at pgcps.org/reconnect-pgcps.

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include the Greenbelt Armory in its scope. Byrd then moved to add \$100,000 for a director of equity, diversity and inclusion. This motion failed on a six-to-one vote. Byrd next moved to add \$50,000 for rental assistance. This motion died for lack of a second. Council then adopted the budget with the changes above on a five-to-two vote with Roberts and Byrd opposed.

Unsuspected

When council added a second public hearing to allow citizens to comment on the consensus coming out of the final budget worksession years ago, they set up a situation where a procedural motion – suspension of the rules – is required to pass the budget by the statutory deadline. Suspending the rules permits council to vote on the budget ordinance at the meeting in which it is introduced, rather than the two meetings normally required. Such a suspension requires the affirmative votes of at least six councilmembers. When Councilmember Leta Mach introduced the budget ordinance for first reading and suspension of the rules, both Byrd and Roberts voted no, which prevented adoption and would have required another meeting no later than June 10 to meet the statutory deadline for budget adoption. Mach reminded her colleagues that there would be no opportunity to publicly advertise this meeting, but Roberts and Byrd were unmoved. Mach then attempted to reintroduce the motion several more times during the succeeding agenda items, but her motions were not recognized by Byrd. Roberts claimed that the two councilmembers who voted no were the winning side and only they could move to reconsider, a notion rebutted by Councilmember Edward Putens. But no one consulted the city attorney acting as parliamentarian and the stalemate continued.

Reconsideration

Roberts’ early-morning motion to reconsider the budget ordinance passed on a seven-to-zero vote. The motion to suspend the rules passed on a six-to-one vote with Byrd opposed and the budget ordinance passed on a five-to-two vote with Byrd and Roberts opposed. Roberts has been consistent throughout the final budget delib-

erations. In a budget that spends all but \$1,000 of expected revenues, he opposed adding any expenditure to the proposed budget. Byrd, in explaining his vote against the budget, added concerns to those he had expressed at the final budget worksessions. At those meetings, he demanded that the economic development intern be paid at least \$15 per hour (City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon said they would) and that council add a director of equity, diversity and inclusion. At this meeting, Byrd stated that his vote reflected his concerns that the budget would leave a significant number of employees earning less than \$15 per hour and a significant number of full-time employees earning less than \$20 per hour. He also wanted higher funding for CARES and funding for rental assistance. **Armory** During discussion of the space study, council discussed aspects

of its expected acquisition of the National Guard Armory at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Southway. Council has made clear its intention to obtain the armory building. Director of Public Works Jim Sterling said that it will cost millions of dollars to renovate the building. He reported significant water damage to the building since his initial inspection. Roberts called upon council to spend the \$20,000 added to the space study to fix up the building instead, to prevent further deterioration. Putens opposed this, saying he did not want to pay to fix up the building only to get a recommendation to tear it down. Several councilmembers expressed confidence that the city will be able to acquire the building. Councilmember Judith Davis said the city would do as it did when it acquired the Community Center and seek state bonds or sell bonds to fund renovations.

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if any computers are free. Printing and scanning self-service are also available. Masks and social distancing remain necessary at the Library under Phase 3 guidelines. The Library’s updated extended hours and other information are available on page 3 or at pgcmls.info/reopening. All Prince George’s County libraries will be closed on Sat-

urday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.



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Where did they come from and who put them up? The bee and bird houses were made by lifetime Greenbelt resident Raina Dirksen and friends. They are her Eagle Scout Troop 1444 project, a final prerequisite to earning the highest rank in scouting. Neil Armstrong once said, after all the accomplishments of his life, earning Eagle was the most important to him. Becoming an Eagle Scout is a very big deal. Raina’s path to Eagle is rather unique in history, shared with only a handful of ambitious girls of the same age across the country. The path to Eagle, for those scouts who attempt it, begins at the age of 11 years old and can run until a scout reaches 18. They have from that early age, when they enter scouting, to earn their way through the many ranks, 21 merit badges and a final project required to qualify for Eagle Scout. Raina joined the Scouts when she was 16 years old, because that is how old she was when the Boy Scouts of America finally allowed girls to join. So Raina had to fulfill all the requirements in two short years. The isolation year of Covid-19 created an added challenge to achieving her goal. Those boy

scouts who came before her, and the younger girls and boys coming after her, will have seven years to make Eagle. That makes Raina’s accomplishment all the more impressive. Inspired by her older brother Jaden and her father Matt, both Eagle Scouts, Raina had always wanted to experience the adventure of scouting. When she finally got her chance at age 16, she jumped in with both feet. The project to construct and mount the bee and birdhouses was a team effort that took place on May 22 and May 23 of this year. Other scouts, family, friends and neighbors of all ages helped, the youngest being her 7-year-old neighbor, Avery Tweed. Generous Joe’s donated delicious pizzas to sustain the team. TW Perry provided free lumber at a time when costs are high due to Covid-19. But every project needs a leader to bring it from vision to reality – that was Raina’s role. The houses are her legacy to our fair city. The final task to complete the project that all can help with is to raise money for plaques that will explain the purpose and value of the houses. Those interested can email thedirksens@mac.com.



On Saturday, May 22, Raina Dirksen builds bird and bee houses to place around the Lake.

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Police Blotter

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Attempted Carjacking
June 5, 8:15 p.m., 20 Southway. A man approached a woman in her vehicle at the Carroll Gas Station and displayed a handgun. She rolled up her window and fled. The man also pointed the gun at several other motorists both before and after the incident.

June 5, 8:20 p.m., 10 Court Southway. A man approached a man who was sitting in his truck, produced a handgun and demanded the vehicle. The driver of the truck drove away from the scene and contacted police. It is believed that the attempted carjacker is the same person involved in an attempted carjacking that occurred five minutes earlier.

Assault
June 8, 10:53 a.m., 6224 Greenbelt Road. A woman about 20 or 30 years old approached a patron inside Popeye's restaurant, told her to move away from the ATM machine and then left the restaurant. When the patron left, a white vehicle pulled up and the woman inside it yelled at the patron and spat on her before she fled.

June 8, 4:43 p.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. A man approached a woman at a bus stop and attempted to engage in a conversation. When she tried to walk away from him, he touched her inappropriately and fled on foot.

Theft
June 5, 12:51 p.m., 6006 Springhill Drive. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence on June 1.

June 9, 8:45 a.m., 6000 Greenbelt Road. A man broke a glass display case and took a large quantity of perfumes from the Perfume Center kiosk.

Fraud
June 8, 4:43 p.m., 7700 Hanover Parkway. A woman re-

sponded to an email that she believed to be from Amazon, regarding possible fraudulent activity. She then spoke with someone who claimed to work for Amazon, who convinced her to give her access to her bank account. She did give access and the alleged employee removed money from the woman's account.

Vandalism
June 2, 9:40 p.m., 6202 Springhill Drive. The bedroom window of a residence was broken out.

June 5, 11:08 a.m., 9240 Edmonston Road. A window in a residence was broken out.

Vehicle Crime
One vehicle was stolen, a black 2015 Chrysler 200 with Maryland tags 7CY2240, taken from 11 Parkway on June 5.

One vehicle was recovered. A 1996 Honda Accord, reported stolen May 30 from 223 Lakeside Drive, was recovered June 6 by Prince George's County police in the 5100 block College Avenue in College Park.

Thefts include four tires and rims taken from a vehicle on June 3 from 8226 Canning Terrace.

Two thefts involved the breaking of windows to gain access. At 9110 Edmonston Road loose change was taken on June 4 and at 6025 Springhill Drive money, cologne and stereo equipment were taken on June 5.

A man at 9160 Edmonston Road saw someone in his vehicle get out and flee on foot. It was discovered later that money was missing from the glovebox.

Four acts of vandalism were reported, all involving the breaking of windows at 9115 Springhill Lane, 5933 Cherrywood Terrace, 5911 Cherrywood Lane and 6008 Springhill Drive. Two tires were also slashed at the latter location.

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expressed qualms as the [GPD] general orders treated most of the issues raised by the mayor with greater precision and clarity." PSAC used language from Byrd's presentation and the new legislation, as well as data from the GPD from 2015 to 2019, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Some of the major recommendations are: the need by officers to clearly identify themselves as officers when forcibly entering a premise, provide a tiered deadline process to allow for speedier release of body camera footage upon request (as a compromise with a three-day policy set out by the mayor and the 30-day state

law), and hire a law enforcement specialist to create more diversity among officers.

PSAC recommends that a new general order be developed that would embrace a "protect and serve" approach over a "warrior law-and-order mindset" and enhance community policing.

Byrd, while grateful for the PSAC report, said he disagreed with the report on "the notion that no ordinance is necessary," citing that "while the report does suggest some good changes" to general orders, the lack of legislation in this area "reinforces the extraordinarily troublesome idea that police are above the law." He expressed concern that the deliberations resulting in this report were not fully transparent

throughout, and there should be "feedback from a more diverse set of eyes."

Police Chief Richard Bowers stated that he is focused primarily on the recent state legislation and the effect it will have, and is looking to "get a handle" on any "unforeseen consequences and ramifications."

Bowers said that a general order is analogous to a policy, while legislation sets out legal sanctions. Yet, he noted that both can be specific and binding, depending on their wording, and that a violation of a general order has the potential of serious action like a termination of employment.

Council will meet on July 14 for a worksession to discuss the Fair and Just Policing Act and the PSAC report. The report, with its three appendices, is available on the city website (greenbeltnmd.gov, click on Municipal Access TV) at a link in the agenda packet for the May 24 council meeting.





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Area tennis players are seen at the courts near Braden Field on Sunday, June 6. They practice, or rally, to sharpen their skills before engaging in any serious competitions, and they are serious about what they are doing.

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Introducing GreenbeltOnline

by Susan Harris

Here’s what 4,500 monthly visitors are finding at GreenbeltOnline.org: Greenbelt’s nonprofit community website.

- Events – what’s happening in or near Greenbelt, updated weekly.
- Up-to-date, well-researched resources like where Greenbelters go hiking, how they get around without a car and which painters they recommend.
- Many blog articles about Greenbelt and Greenbelters, and a special series debunking claims about the maglev train.
- Select videos from Greenbelt-based YouTube channels.

Greenbelt’s History of Community Websites

In 2016, Greenbelt MakerSpace’s George Boyce called a meeting about the need to update Greenbelt.com, the community website established in 1992. The result was a new site – GreenbeltOnline.org, with Tanya Amaya as the designer/developer and this writer as editor. The blog about Greenbelt that I had started soon after moving here in 2012 was moved to the new site and additional useful content was added – directories for Greenbelt “creatives,” businesses and organizations, and a whole library of resource pages.

(The valuable Greenbelt.com domain was donated to the city and traffic to it is now forwarded to the city government’s website.)

Greenbelt Online was approved by the University of Maryland as a site for its English and journalism interns, and we’ve worked with two terrific ones so far. After we received 501c3 nonprofit status from the IRS, we could apply for grants and were thrilled to receive one from Maryland Milestones, which distributes state funds that promote this part of Maryland. The grant was matched by donations from dozens of businesses and individuals in Greenbelt, especially our major sponsors: McCarl’s Dental Group, Realtor Kim Kash and Beltway Plaza.



GreenbeltOnline.org

The grant enabled the website to hire a graphic designer to create a unique logo which puts Greenbelt’s official symbol inside a computer monitor (online!), an idea that originated with retired graphic artist and Greenbelt resident Ken Shields. A web designer was hired to improve the look and functionality of the site, and the remainder of the grant is being used to buy ads promoting the site in the News Review and online.

Currently, the editorial board and officers of Greenbelt Online include Shaymar Higgs, Owen Kelley, Julie Winters, Jeff Lemieux and Barbara Glick, in addition to myself.

During the Pandemic

Over the last 15 months our blog, with no events to cover, has been focused on two new features. One is recording how Greenbelters and local businesses have responded to the pandemic. Those pandemic stories will ultimately be archived by the Greenbelt Museum as part of a national effort among museums and librar-

ies to chronicle this unique period of history. The other focus has been exploring and debunking claims about the proposed maglev train, with original research by Kelley.

Other resources recently added to the site have been Jamie Jorgensen’s Guide to Birds in Greenbelt and the Guide to Composting in Greenbelt by Beth LeaMond and Hally Ahearn. We welcome guest authors on almost any topic related somehow to Greenbelt – just write to me at editor@greenbeltonline.org.

Events Are Back

Previous to the pandemic, Greenbelt Online published a round-up every Friday of events happening in and near Greenbelt, and those round-ups have been on hiatus ... until now. Look for “June 2021 Events” at the top of the home page, and the event round-ups will be seen weekly again as live music and indoor movies and theater come back to town.

How to Follow

At GreenbeltOnline.org you can subscribe in the top right to receive new blog articles about life in Greenbelt, one to two times each week. Other ways to be notified of new articles are by following GreenbeltOnline on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

Susan Harris is editor of GreenbeltOnline. She also co-founded the team blog GardenRant.com, now celebrating its 15th year.

City Notes

Police and Public Works have teamed up for a safe July 4 fireworks event. Poison ivy along the Lake paths will be sprayed. Street Maintenance/Special Details removed “Mask Up” signs. Refuse/Recycling collected 15.63 tons of refuse and 10.23 tons of recyclables.

Prince George’s County Capital Bikeshare is operational at the new bike station near the Municipal Building. Concrete pads have been installed near the Police Station and at Greenbelt Station Parkway; these locations will open in a few weeks. Future stations will be located near the Greenbelt Metro Station and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Greenbelt Day Weekend featured a Lake tour with park rangers, a Paint-Out Picnic at Buddy Attick Park, virtual tours of artists’ studios and a Greenbelt Museum presentation about the New Deal.

Animal Control rescued a stray kitten and two injured birds. Shelter residents are three dogs, four cats, nine kittens and a rabbit.

Recreation Staff collaborated with Public Works on health and safety resources and with Library staff to restart library programs at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. SLRC will also offer summer lunches and outdoor education by park rangers. Therapeutic Recreation facilitated fun events and the delivery of frozen meals to 28 homebound seniors.

Players Needed For 24-hour Zoom

The Rude Mechanicals, in residence at Greenbelt Arts Center, will hold their Second Annual 24-Hour Zoom Fest on Friday and Saturday, June 25 and 26. Writers, directors and actors will create, rehearse and perform several new short plays, all within a 24-hour period.

People may sign up as a writer, director or actor. Participants may include a second choice of job, and two can write together as a team, if they wish.

This virtual project is open to all genders, races, ethnicities, ages, abilities and presentations. To participate, register no later than Sunday, June 20, through a link on the website greenbeltartscenter.org/the-2nd-annual-24-hour-zoom-fest/.

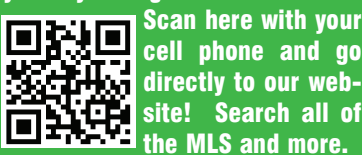
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Greenbelt Potter Is Featured In National Juried Exhibition

by Nicole DeWald

Out of the flames and into the galleries! A piece by Greenbelt ceramic artist and city arts instructor Judy Goldberg-Strassler is among 64 works featured in a new exhibition open now at Maryland’s Sandy Spring Museum. Inspired by Malcolm: A Passion for Shino is a juried exhibition featuring original ceramic works created by 47 artists from across the nation. All works feature the use of Shino glazes, commonly associated with the late artist Malcolm Davis.

Davis had served as a minister for 20 years before he discovered pottery. Within a few years, he established his own mountaintop studio in West Virginia in 1985. There he perfected his own version of a Japanese technique, creating a glaze now known as Malcolm Davis Shino. He took the unusual step of publishing the formula for public use, and his glaze is now found in studios all over the world. It is prized for carbon-trapping, which creates extensive black areas and black dots in contrast to the more typical white, red and orange colors of other Shinos. Recognized for his artistry and passion, Davis traveled widely teaching others about pottery – including at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Shino glazes are used in wood firing, with large, homemade kilns stoked by hand over the course of several hours – often overnight. Temperatures in a wood kiln are much hotter than in electric kilns, requiring the use of different clays and glazes. Both the materials and the process give wood-fired wares unique looks. Goldberg-Strassler participates with other Greenbelt potters in wood firings at Monocacy River Pottery in Thurmont. She also is a trusted assistant to artist Tammy Martinez, helping with wood firings at her “train kiln” in Boonsboro. Loading, operating and unloading the kiln (after a slow cool-down) are typically very social and collaborative activities, with all participants eagerly anticipating the big reveal of their pots.

Goldberg-Strassler describes her piece selected for the exhibition as a “roaster/condiments set.” She comments, “I love the autumn orange tones that Shino glazes can get in a wood fire. When combined with ash and carbon trapping the result is always a wonderful reminder of the pot’s experience in the fire. I strive to get the multi-hued colors that add eternal movement to a finished pot.”

Inspired by Malcolm: A Passion for Shino is on view through Sunday, September 5. The show was juried by Matthew Hyleck, noted ceramic artist and education coordinator at Baltimore Clayworks. It was sponsored in part by Judith Davis (Malcolm Davis’ wife and partner for over 50 years), Montgomery Potters, District Clay Center, Baltimore Clayworks and The Clay Co-op. A free, virtual opening event will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 17. The program includes a streaming of Malcolm Davis’ closing lecture at the 2010 National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, along with remarks from Judith



Judy Goldberg-Strassler poses with her Shino glazed pitcher on unloading day at the Baltimore Clayworks Noborigama wood kiln.

- Photos by Robert Goldberg-Strassler



Tammy Martinez, left, and Greenbelt artist Judy Goldberg-Strassler clean out ashes from "campfires" used to warm up the kiln before the main stoking process begins, at Tammy’s “train” design wood kiln in Boonsboro, MD in 2021.

Ceramic roaster/condiment set by Greenbelt artist Judy Goldberg-Strassler, from the exhibition “Inspired by Malcolm: A Passion for Shino” at the Sandy Spring Museum



PHOTO BY JUDY GOLDBERG-STRASSLER

Davis and Shoji Satake, associate professor of ceramics, School of Art and Design, West Virginia University. Information is available at sandyspringmuseum.org/shino.

For information about Community Center ceramics classes with Goldberg-Strassler, and also about upcoming wood fire opportunities, email Amanda

Larsen, Greenbelt Recreation arts education specialist at alarsen@greenbeltmd.gov. “I believe that using art in daily life through beautiful functional pottery adds a dimension of peace and joy throughout the day,” says Goldberg-Strassler. “A bit of Shino multiplies happiness and contentment connecting a person with the Earth.”

Local Artist Has Summer Show At Milestones Heritage Center

by Chrissy Wilkin



PHOTO BY CHRISSEY WILKIN

Chrissy Wilkin at her Hyattsville Art Show

Chrissy Wilkin, Eleanor Roosevelt High School art teacher and art coordinator at the New Deal Café, has been painting, drawing and teaching art throughout the pandemic. In March 2020, when teachers started teaching online, Wilkin made YouTube videos to teach art projects to her students. The Prince George’s Arts and Humanities Council shared her tutorials on their virtual series, Lunch Break. When Wilkin started the new school year, one of her students recognized her from YouTube. High school junior Julia Knisley said, “You are the person that taught me how to make a mask out of a T-shirt!”

Wilkin mainly made mandala drawings and paintings. The mandala she made, Justice for George Floyd, hung in the New Deal Café when the Café reopened briefly in the summer of 2020.

“This has been a difficult time for artists. Since the pandemic started, we have cancelled almost all of the shows we had scheduled for 2020 and 2021 at the New Deal Café. I have just started showing art again at Doctor’s Hospital through the Hyattsville Artist Alliance,” said Wilkin.

Wilkin will be showing her

Mandala Series in Maryland Milestones Heritage Center, located within the Pyramid Atlantic Art Center at 4318 Gallatin Street in Hyattsville, through August 31. The center will be hosting its first in-person art reception since the start of the pandemic. The reception will be Wednesday, June 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. with a live performance by Moose Jaw Bluegrass.

Meagan Baco, executive director of Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc., who oversees the Heritage Center, stated, “Our region’s continued investment in our parks and trails truly paid dividends during the pandemic as they offered safe outdoor gathering spaces and access to outdoor exercise. But we certainly missed our favorite restaurants, shops and galleries, so Anacostia Trails Heritage Area will be doubling-down on our programs that support ‘Main Street’ small businesses.” Baco continued enthusiastically, “As we all start to step back indoors, we’re thrilled to kick off what we hope to be a busy and safe summer with Chrissy’s art opening at our Heritage Center in Hyattsville.”



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Here's what's happening on Hillside Road.